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DRAFT STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2013 No.**

**The Renewables Obligation (Amendment)  
Order (Northern Ireland) 2013**

**Amendment to Article 34 (general criteria for the issue of NIROCs)**

**25.**—(1) Article 34 of the 2009 Order is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1)(a) for “paragraph (6)” substitute “paragraph (9)”.

(3) After paragraph (5), insert—

“(6) The operator of a generating station which generates electricity by burning fuel in a combustion unit may notify the Authority in writing that, until such time as the notification is withdrawn, the energy content of any biomass burned in that combustion unit will be less than 50% of the energy content of all of the energy sources burned in that combustion unit.

(7) A notification under paragraph (9) constitutes sufficient evidence of the fact that the energy content of the biomass burned in the combustion unit referred to in the notification is less than 50% of the energy content of all the energy sources burned in that combustion unit.

(8) A notification under paragraph (9) may be withdrawn by a notice—

(a) in writing from the operator of the generating station to the Authority, and

(b) which specifies a date from which the withdrawal of the notification is to take effect.”.

(4) Paragraphs (6), (7) and (8) are renumbered (9), (10) and (11) respectively.

(5) In renumbered paragraph (9)(b) for “paragraph (7)” substitute “paragraph (10)”.

(6) In renumbered paragraph (10) for “paragraph (6)” substitute “paragraph (9)”.